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1. E/C COUNSELOR BRIEFED GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. MOSCOW REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM JANEFF FEBRUARY 21 ON KGB INTERESTS INDICATED BY CANNON (REFTEL, PARA 5). JANEFF WAS NOT TOLD HOW WE CAME TO ACQUIRE THIS INFORMATION, OTHER THAN THAT AN AMERICAN HAD LEARNED OF IT. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT IN SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THIS WAS NO MORE THAN AN EXPRESSION OF ROUTINE SOVIET INQUISITIVENESS ABOUT AMERICANS IN USSR.

2. JANEFF SAID HE WAS AWARE OF OBLIGATION OF HIS SOVIET EMPLOYEES TO REPORT TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES ON G.E. ACTIVITIES. HE ASSUMED THEY READ ALL ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE ETC. BUT THERE WAS NOTHING IN THIS OF A SENSITIVE NATURE. AS FOR THE "NEW ITALIAN PERSONNEL," HIS DEPUTY, CONFIDENTIAL

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MARIO BILOTTA, AN ITALIAN CITIZEN HIRED BY G.E. LAST FALL, HAS BEEN IN MOSCOW FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SINCE JANUARY AN AMERICAN CITIZEN OF ITALIAN EXTRACTION (GIOCHETTI) HAS TAKEN OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSTALLATION OF GE TURBINES IN THE USSR. AS FOR INFORMATION OF A TECHNICAL NATURE, JANEFF SAID GE KEEPS NONE IN MOSCOW. THE OFFICE IS A "REPRESENTATION," AND ALL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ARE REFERRED

FOR DISCUSSION WITH QUALIFIED COMPANY PERSONNEL SITED OUTSIDE USSR.

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